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Fire Fatality, 3974 Bradwater Street

Fairfax, Va. — Units from the City of Fairfax Fire and Police Departments and the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department responded at approximately 11 p.m. on Saturday, May 30, to a townhouse in the Comstock neighborhood of the city for a report of a citizen performing CPR. Arriving units quickly realized that the victim, an 87-year-old female, had been exposed to smoke and that an upstairs bedroom was on fire. The fire victim and her son were evacuated from the house and resuscitation efforts continued. The fire was confined to the upstairs bedroom and was extinguished before affecting other townhouse units. The victim was transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital; efforts to revive her were unsuccessful and she was pronounced dead at the hospital. The fire was caused by the use of incense in the bedroom. No working smoke detectors were found in the home.

Residents are urged to be careful anytime they are using candles or incense and should never leave these items burning unattended. Smoke detectors should be installed in every bedroom and on every level of the home.

Free smoke detectors will be provided to any city resident on request by calling 703-385-7830.